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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

08 C 1269

GRANT IMPORTING & DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.; HAYES BEER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY; L&V DISTRIBUTORS, INC.; CHICAGO BEVERAGE SYSTEMS LLC; JOSEPH MULLARKEY DISTRIBUTORS, INC; TOWN & COUNTRY DISTRIBUTORS, INC.; KOZOL BROS., INC.; FRED W. LOSCH BEVERAGE CO.; and SCHAMBERGER BROS. INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

AMTEC INTERNATIONAL OF NY CORP., Individually and d/b/a EUROPEAN BEER IMPORTERS, INC.; and ADVANCED BRANDS & IMPORTING CO., INC., d/b/a STAR BRANDS IMPORTS,

Defendants.

No.

JUDGE LEFKOW
MAGISTRATE JUDGE BROWN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Defendant Amtec International of NY Corp. hereby removes the above entitled action commenced in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, bearing case no. 08 CH 07887, to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1441 and 1446.

1. On or about February 28, 2008, Plaintiffs Grant Importing & Distributing Co., Inc. ("Grant"); Hayes Beer Distributing Company ("Hayes"); L&V Distributors, Inc. ("L&V"); Chicago Beverage Systems LLC ("Chicago Beverage"); Joseph Mullarkey Distributors, Inc. ("Mullarkey"); Town & Country Distributors, Inc. ("T&C"); Kozol Bros. Inc. ("Kozol"); Fred W. Losch Beverage Co. ("Losch"); and Schamberger Bros. Inc. ("Schamberger"), commenced an action against Defendants Amtec International of NY Corp. ("Amtec") and Advanced Brands & Importing Co., Inc. ("Advanced"), bearing the caption Grant Importing & Distributing Co., et al.. v. Amtec International of NY

Corp., et al., case no. 08 CH 07887, in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division. A copy of the Complaint is annexed as Exhibit A.

2. On February 29, 2008, Defendants received notice by facsimile of an emergency motion for temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction, and a copy of the Complaint. A copy of Plaintiffs' notice of motion and motion is annexed as Exhibit B.

3. As alleged in the complaint, plaintiff Grant is an Illinois corporation with its principal place of business in Broadview, Illinois.

4. As alleged in the complaint, plaintiff Hayes is an Illinois corporation with its principal place of business in Alsip, Illinois.

5. As alleged in the complaint, plaintiff Chicago Beverage is an Illinois limited liability company with its principal place of business in Chicago, Illinois.

6. As alleged in the complaint, plaintiff Mullarkey is an Illinois corporation with its principal place of business in Glenview, Illinois.

7. As alleged in the complaint, plaintiff T&C is an Illinois corporation with its principal place of business in Itsaca, Illinois.

8. As alleged in the complaint, plaintiff Kozol is an Illinois corporation with its principal place of business in Joliet, Illinois.

9. As alleged in the complaint, plaintiff Losch is an Illinois corporation with its principal place of business in Lake Villa, Illinois.

10. As alleged in the complaint, plaintiff Schamberger is an Illinois corporation with its principal place of business in Villa Park, Illinois.

11. Defendant Amtec is a New York corporation with its principal place of business located at 430 Morgan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

12. Defendant Advanced is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 360 Hamilton Drive, Suite 1130, White Plains, New York.

13. Plaintiffs' Verified Complaint seeks declaratory judgment, injunctive relief, and damages in excess of $75,000.

14. Complete diversity of citizenship exists and the amount in controversy exceeds $75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. As a result, this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332.

15. This Notice of Removal was filed within thirty days of service of the Summons and Complaint in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1446.

16. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441 because the action was pending within this District before it was removed.

17. Amtec will promptly provide notice of this Notice of Removal to the Clerk Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, the court in which this action was pending before it was removed.

Dated: Garden City, New York
March 3, 2008

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 3, 2008, I electronically filed the foregoing Notice of Removal with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF system and provided notice via facsimile to Bruce M. Bozich of Law Offices of Bozich & Koro, and Michael J. Kralovec of Kralovec Meenan LLP.

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